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Honorable John W. Warner Chairman, Committee on Armed Services United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to submit the Department's Plan to facilitate the transition into DoD acquisition programs of technology developed under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. This Plan was developed in response to section 818 of Public Law 105-261.

I believe that this is a concrete and workable Plan that will significantly improve the Department's SBIR program and acquisition planning process, and thereby strengthen the technological capabilities of our armed forces. I have approved the Plan as attached, and we will work to ensure successful implementation.

If your staff has any questions or comments on the Plan, they should contact the DoD SBIR program manager, Jon Baron, at (703) 588-8636.

Sincerely

J. S. Gansler

Attachment

cc: Honorable Carl Levin
Ranking Minority Member